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Googins Announces Glastonbury Open Space Grants



HARTFORD- State Representative Sonny Googins (R-Glastonbury) today announced that the Town of Glastonbury would be receiving three open space grants during the eleventh round of the Open Space and Watershed Acquisition Grant.

The properties for the first two grants, one for the Cavanaugh Property, and the other for the Marchand Property, are in close proximity to one another, and combined will contribute an additional 116 acres to Meshomasic State Forest (58,000 acres). Meshomasic State Forest is a significant habitat for the timber rattlesnake, which is an endangered species.

The Cavanaugh Property is mostly forested and includes high quality red maple wetlands and a diverse understory of shrub layers and sedges. Mott Hill Brook, a perennial stream and tributary of Roaring Brook crosses this property. The Marchand Property is comprised primarily of mixed hardwood forest with an intermittent stream. Other open space in this area includes Nature Conservancy lands, fish and game club, and water company land. A total of \$213,750 has been appropriated for the 56 acres of Cavanaugh Property, and \$163,800 for the 60 acres of Marchand Property.

The third grant, totaling \$9,900 has been awarded to the Kongscut Land Trust to obtain the Civitillo Property, which consists of 9.8 acres of red maple swamp that also ties into a section of the Meshomasic, and is also a preserve of the timber rattlesnake as well as the whip-poor-will.

“I am very pleased to see Glastonbury do so well in this round of open space grant awards,” said Representative Googins. “I appreciate the efforts of Governor Rell and the state Department of Environmental Protection in making Glastonbury a priority for this funding. The preservation of open space is critical to maintaining the scenic beauty of our community, as well as ensuring the ecological health of the region. Preserving these three parcels will help guarantee Glastonbury’s beauty for generations to come.”